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EXPECTS MASS TRIALS AGAINST "TITOIST" OFFICERS -- New York Riportok Es Hitek Magyarorszagrol, 24 Jun 50

On the basis of information received from reliable sources, the background of the wave of military arrests is now taking shape.

Large-scale maneuvers of the Hungarian Army were planned for June 1950. The maneuvers were of particular significance because they were to be held in the area west of the Danube. In addition to being an exercise in deployment, they also would have represented a threatening element against Yugoslavia, and were probably meant as a general rehearsal for military action against Tito.

In view of the importance of the event, large-scale preparations had been made. There was, however, a change in plans, and from the end of May to mid-June 700 high-ranking officers were arrested in rapid succession. Among those arrested were the commander-in-chief, the chief of the general staff, the chiefs of the officer and soldier replacement section, and the chiefs of the quartermaster's office.

The Soviet secret police in Hungary, the MVD, discovered a widespread military conspiracy which had planned to make use of the maneuvers to take the Hungarian troops over the nearby Yugoslav frontier to Tito.

This movement, which would have caused untold trouble in Soviet international politics, was thwarted, but its consequences could no longer be suppressed. It is to be expected that mass trials will be instituted against the Titoist Hungarian officers and soldiers and a wave of terrorism will hit all layers of Hungary's population.

The internment camp at Kistarcsa has been evacuated and the largest part of the arrested military personnel has been confined in this camp, with the exception of some 20 who are reported to have died in the meantime.

The July maneuvers were countermanded and postponed until the fall; according to current plans, they will be held along the Soviet border.

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REPORTS SOVIET EXPLOSIVES FACTORY IN HUNGARY -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 29 Jul 50

The "Kozetfeltaro N. V." (Rock Mining National Enterprise) factory near Hatvan is actually a Soviet explosives factory employing a large number of workers.

EXPLOSIVES SHIPMENTS MARKED "MACARONI" -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 24 Jun 50

Explosives and precision instruments manufactured in the ammunition works at Fuzfo are shipped to the USSR in crates marked "macaroni." The 1944 directory of cities and towns in Hungary does not list a town by the name of "Fuzfo." There is a town listed by the name of "Fuzfogyartelep," located in Veszprem County, west of the Danube.

LISTS DESERTIONS IN BORDER GUARD -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 1 Jul 50

The following members of the Hungarian border guard deserted in the first week of June: Mihaly Cipo, Jozsef Muller, Jozsef Kuti, Lajos Banfi, Laszlo Nemenyi, Lukacs Pluhar, Lajos Konrad, and Pal Liptak.

GIVES LOCATION OF ARMY'S MILITARY-POLITICAL DEPARTMENT -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 17 Jun 50

During World War II, the Hadik Barracks on Horthy Miklos Street, Budapest, housed the counterintelligence department. At present, the military-political department of the Hungarian Army is located in that building.

The department is so large that in addition to the whole of the barracks it also occupies the underground prison in the direction of Gellertheigy, as well as several neighboring apartment houses.

The windows of the barracks are covered with iron bars and machine gunners wearing green cap bands with the Soviet star are stationed at the entrance. They may be distinguished from the state security police by the fact that the latter wear blue caps and have coat lapels.

SOUTH HUNGARIAN POPULATION EVACUATED -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 22 Jul 50

Entire towns are being evacuated in a 15-kilometer-deep belt along Hungary's southern border. No unauthorized persons may any longer enter Kelebia, Klaramajor, Kubekhaza, Deszk, and other southern towns. Roadblocks have been set up on the highway, and the evacuation is being carried out to an extent equal to the Hitler deportations. Evacuation of the population has also been begun sporadically in the neighborhood of Pecs and Szentgotthard.

NAMES SOVIET COMMANDERS IN HUNGARY -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol, 15 Jul 50

The following high-ranking Soviet officers are now filling leading positions in Hungary:

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Maj Gen Konov, railroad traffic specialist; Maj Gen Ivan Bayev, specialist in highways and bridges; Medvedj, in charge of the Hungarian heavy industries; Maj Gen Gregor Kaplun, in charge of Danube shipping; Maj Gen Gusakov, consultant of the Hungarian Air Force and inspector of pilot training in Hungary; and Col Kalitsenko, commander of the Hungarian parachute troops.

GREEK PARTISANS IN HUNGARY -- New York Riportok Es Hirek Magyarorszagrol,  
22 Jul 50

Approximately 1,500 young Greek partisans have been staying for many months in the Grand Hotel Stefania at Balatonfured and other resorts. The young men receive four meals (including two with meat courses), 9 deciliters of milk, and 4 forints of pocket money a day. Wounded Greek partisans are also well provided for. Most of the Grammos partisans are still being treated in the hospitals under Hungarian pseudonyms. They receive double food rations.

The Greek partisans recuperating at Lake Balaton do not work. They receive ideological training and get some military training under Soviet officers. The partisans are disliked by the population of the Balaton region, because they behave exactly as the Soviet military personnel in Hungary, committing holdups, rapes, and thefts.

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